

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hironori MIZUTA et al.**

Art Unit: **1796**

Application No.: **10/577,129**

Examiner: **Gregory R. Delcotto**

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For: **CLEANING AGENT FOR SUBSTRATE AND CLEANING METHOD**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

March 24, 2010

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated February 24, 2010, and having a response due date set for March 24, 2010.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

Group I claims 1-20, drawn to a cleaning agent for a substrate; or

Group II claims 21-28, drawn to a cleaning method for a surface of a substrate.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-20. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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